

## Claims

- [1] An XML processor comprising:  
a first memory storing software for performing an XML processing, variables, and values required to execute software;  
a hardware processing module performing a part of the XML processing in a hardware manner;  
a second memory employed by the hardware processing module; and  
a CPU controlling the XML processing by the software stored in the first memory.
- [2] The XML processor according to claim 1, wherein the hardware processing module performs a memory management function used in XML parsing, i.e., assignment, return, and reassignment of memory among XML processing functions.
- [3] The XML processor according to claim 2, wherein the hardware processing module processes assignment, reassignment, and return of memory with respect to XML elements which are expressed as nodes and a tree relation between the nodes, the module comprising:  
a node usage check table divided into several blocks, each block indicating whether to use a corresponding node table;  
a node table managing the whole information that each node has to store, i.e., a node name, a node type, a parent node, a child node, and the like; and  
a node memory storing actual content of every component of the node table.
- [4] The XML processor according to claim 3, wherein the node table has addresses in which every component on the node memory is respectively stored.
- [5] The XML processor according to claim 1, wherein the hardware processing module performs an XML DTD processing.
- [6] The XML processor according to claim 1, wherein the hardware processing module performs a state machine of an XML schema.
- [7] An XML processing method performed in a system having an independent hardware-based first XML processor and a software-based second XML processor, the method comprising:  
checking a size of an XML file to be processed;  
performing an XML processing by the second XML processor if a size of the XML file to be processed is larger than an established size; and

performing an XML processing by the first XML processor if a size of the XML file to be processed is not larger than the established size.

- [8] The method according to claim 7, further comprising:  
checking whether establishment of a tree is necessary after the XML processing;  
performing the XML processing by the second XML processor if the establishment of the tree is not necessary ; and  
performing the XML processing by the first XML processor if the establishment of the tree is necessary .

- [9] The method according to claim 7, further comprising:  
checking whether a fast processing is necessary;  
performing the XML processing by the second XML processor if the fast processing is not necessary ; and  
performing the XML processing by the first XML processor if the fast processing is necessary.